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Horizon Behavioral Health Receives International Accreditation

Lynchburg, VA – The leadership of Horizon Behavioral Health is pleased to announce that the organization has received a three-year Accreditation by CARF International. This represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to a behavioral health organization. Horizon was put through a rigorous on-site peer review process that included a team of surveyors visiting from across the country. According to this team, Horizon demonstrated a commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality. Damien Cabezas, CEO states, “CARF allows Horizon to join other organizations that are innovators and leaders in the field. I also found that this process brought us closer together by working for a common purpose.”

Specifically, the surveyors were impressed with Horizon’s commitment to continuous quality improvement in programming and facilities, its dedicated staff members who “take obvious pride in their work and the many accomplishments of clients,” the staff’s average tenure and the organization’s “high quality” programming.

Horizon offers a strong continuum of behavioral health services for the entire Central Virginia community. The organization provides services in more than 30 locations and continues to grow.

About Horizon Behavioral Health: *Horizon Behavioral Health has been the primary public behavioral healthcare provider in the Region 2000 area for more than 47 years. In the last year, Horizon provided services to more than 15,915 adults and children addressing problems with mental health, substance use and intellectual disabilities.*

About CARF: *CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at www.carf.org.*

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